

COMMUNITY PHARMACY AT THE HEART OF PRIMARY CARE

As the 'NHS long-term plan' is implemented in England, community pharmacy will become the heart of the new primary care landscape, delivering clinical services and receiving referrals from other health providers.

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1 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Department of Health and Social Care shapes and funds healthcare in England and, with NHS England, negotiates the community pharmacy contract.

BUDGET:
£134bn*

2 NHS ENGLAND

NHS England oversees the NHS in England and directly commissions several services, including those within the community pharmacy contract, as well as some national public health services, such as vaccination programmes.

BUDGET:
£121bn

3 PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND

Public Health England supports local authorities and the NHS to plan and provide public health services and to develop the public health workforce.

BUDGET:
£3.7bn

4 SUSTAINABILITY & TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIPS

Sustainability and transformation partnerships (STPs) bring together NHS organisations and local authorities to improve the health of local people by agreeing priorities and co-ordinating services. All STPs are expected to evolve into integrated care systems (ICSs) by 2021, which will share responsibility for planning, performance and resources.

NUMBER:
42 STPs
(INCLUDING 14 ICSs)

5 LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Local authorities commission local public health services, including those from community pharmacies, such as sexual health screening, smoking cessation services and emergency hormonal contraception.

NUMBER:
435
BUDGET:
£3.1bn**
(PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT)

7 CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS

Clinically-led organisations that plan and commission local services, including from community pharmacies (e.g. minor ailments schemes)

NUMBER:
191
BUDGET:
£79.9bn

8 NHS 111 AND GP SURGERIES

NHS 111 and GP surgeries can refer patients to community pharmacies via the community pharmacist consultation service (CPCS), which launched on 29 October 2019 and combines the old digital minor illness referral service and the NHS urgent medicines supply advanced service.

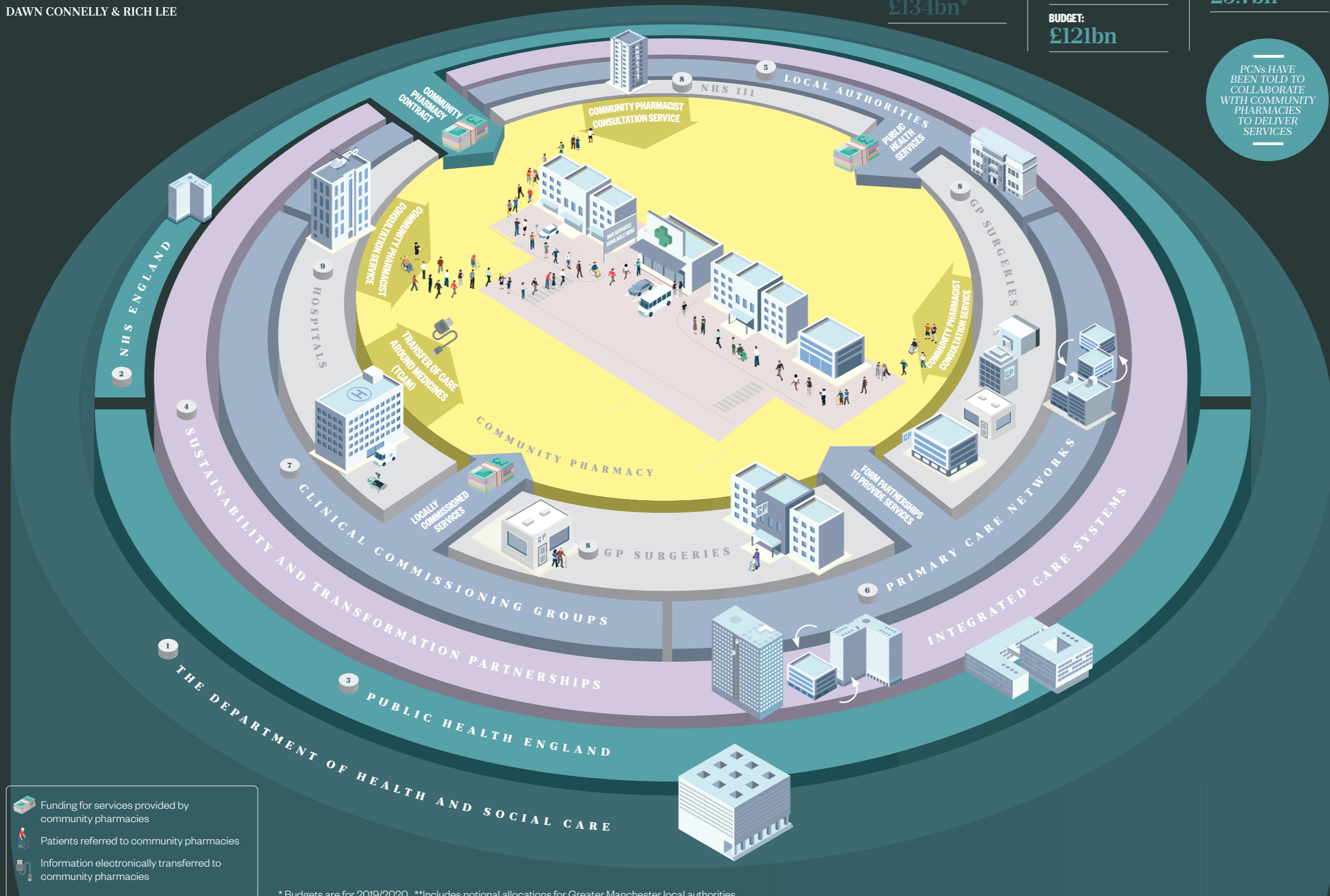
FUNDING:
Pharmacies will receive **£14** per consultation and a one-off payment of £900 if they sign up to the CPCS before 1 December 2019.

9 HOSPITALS

Hospitals transfer medicines information to community pharmacies to ensure that any changes are implemented after patients are discharged. A 'transfers of care around medicines' service is being rolled out nationally and a new medicines reconciliation service has been agreed as part of the community pharmacy contract. Patients will eventually be referred to community pharmacies from hospital emergency departments as part of the new OPCS.

FUNDING:
Under negotiation

PCNs HAVE BEEN TOLD TO COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY PHARMACIES TO DELIVER SERVICES



- Funding for services provided by community pharmacies
- Patients referred to community pharmacies
- Information electronically transferred to community pharmacies

* Budgets are for 2019/2020 **Includes notional allocations for Greater Manchester local authorities

Sources: Communities and Local Government, Ministry of Housing, NHS England, Public Health England.